the underweight Gas cylinders, with loose seals, being distributed by Surjeet Fuel Depot, R.K. Puram, Arjun Enterprises and Nippro Gas Agency, Munirka and Sagar Enterprises, Gole Market, New Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that such cylinders are being supplied by IOC (Indane) as per the statement made by the said dealers to enquiring public;

(c) if so, the reasons therefore and the steps being taken in this regard; and

(d) if answer to part (b) above be in the negative, the action being initiated against these dealers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) During 1996-97 and April—Oct., 97, IOC Marketing Division has not received any complaints that could be established regarding underweight cylinders or cylinders with improper seals against M/s Surjeet Fuel Depot, M/s Arjun Enterprises, M/s Nippro Gas Agency and M/s Sagar Enterprises.

(b) to (d) According to enquiry made by IOC, the LPG distributors of IOC have not made any such statement to enquiring Public. Further, underweight Cylinders and Cylinders without proper seals if found during pre delivery checks, are returned to the supply points/Bottling Plants as per the existing procedure.

Fault repair service by LPG Companies

410. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an emergency fault repair service has been provided by the LPG companies in each and every part of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware that the LPG agencies appointed for the purpose are charging visiting charges from the customers for the leakage complaints;

(d) if so, the details in this regard; and

(e) the action taken/proposed to be taken against such agencies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) At present 658 Emergency Service Cells are being operated in the country by Public Sector Oil Companies.

(b) A statement showing the State-wise position in annexed (see below).

(c) No complaints have been received from the customers regarding charging of visiting charges by the operators of LPG Emergency Service Cells.

(d) and (e) Not applicable in view of answer to (c) above.

Statement

S. No.	State/UT	No. of Emergency Service Cells (As on 1.10.97)
1.	Chandigarh	2
2.	Delhi	5
3.	Haryana	15
4.	Himachal Pradesh	2
5.	Jammu & Kashmir	4
6.	Punjab	25
7.	Rajasthan	41
8.	Uttar Pradesh	121
9.	Andaman & Nicobar	1
10.	Arunachal Pradesh	1
11.	Assam	13
12.	Bihar	38
13.	Manipur	—
14.	Meghalaya	1
15.	Mizoram	—
16.	Nagaland	—
17.	Orissa	19
18.	Sikkim	—
19.	Tripura	1
20.	West Bengal	40
21.	Dadra & N.H.	—
22.	Daman & Diu	—
23.	Goa	5
24.	Gujarat	19

25. Madhya Pradesh	32
26. Maharashtra	40
27. Andhra Pradesh	71
28. Karnataka	50
29. Kerala	42
30. Lakshdweep	—
31. Pondicherry	1
32. Tamilnadu	69
TOTAL:	658

Setting up of Oil Refineries

411. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) how many oil refineries are likely to be set up during the Ninth Plan period (State-wise) separately in public and private sector;

(b) what is the likely refining capacity cost investment indicating target fixed for oil production in respect of each refinery; and

(c) how many refineries are performing well at present and how many are running into losses as compared to previous year and how they propose to make up losses incurred due to fire etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The details of new refineries projects planned to be set up in addition to expansions of refineries, State-wise, during 9th Plan period in Public Sector/Joint Sector/Private Sector alongwith the estimated investment, crude processing capacity and anticipated completion/production targets, are given in the statement. (see below).

(c) under the existing administered pricing mechanism the oil refineries are compensated normative operating costs and are allowed a return of 12% post-tax on net-worth.

Statement

S. No.	Name of the Refinery	State	Capacity (MMTPA)	Investment Proposed (Rs./Crores)	Anticipated Completion Schedule
Public Sector:					
1.	Panipat Refinery	Haryana	6.00	3868.00	March—Sept., 98
2.	Numaligarh Refinery	Assam	3.00	2497.40 (Revised Cost)	June, 1999
Joint Venture:					
3.	Central India Refinery	Madhya Pradesh	6.00	5277.00	2000—01
4.	West Coast Refinery	Maharashtra	6.00	4407.00	2001—02
Private Parties					
5.	M/s. Reliance Petroleum Ltd.	Gujarat	9.00 +6.00	Completion would be governed as per the terms of LOIs. The exact cost estimates of private sector.	
6.	M/s. Essar Investment Limited	Gujarat	9.00	Refinery projects are not available with the Govt.	